

HUNTING LICENSES

HUNTING LICENSE SURVEY

Please take a minute to answer the migratory game bird harvest questionnaire on your hunting license application. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) uses this information for developing accurate harvest estimates essential in determining appropriate hunting seasons and bag limits for migratory game birds. Based on the questionnaires, the USFWS will ask some migratory bird hunters to fill out follow-up surveys on hunting activity and success.

The survey also asks if you plan to hunt migratory game birds during the license year. If there is any possibility you might hunt these species, check "Yes" and the license agent will affix a Harvest Information Survey stamp to the back of your hunting license. **You must have this FREE stamp to hunt ducks, geese, dove, pigeon, snipe or coot in California during the 2002/2003 license year.**

Help preserve migratory game bird populations and future hunting opportunities.

DISABLED VETERAN HUNTING LICENSE

If you are a disabled veteran, you may be eligible for a reduced-fee hunting license available only from DFG offices. To qualify for this \$4.75 hunting license, you must submit **both** of the following: (1) a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that you have a 70 percent or greater service-connected disability and were honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and (2) evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements. If you are renewing this license, you may submit your 2001/2002 disabled veterans hunting license as proof of eligibility. Hunting tags and species stamps must be purchased at full fee.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

A resident is any person who has resided continuously in California at least six months immediately preceding the date of application for a license, tag or permit; any person on active duty with the United States armed forces; or a Job Corps enrollee.

YOU MUST BUY A NONREFUNDABLE CALIFORNIA HUNTING LICENSE FOR 2002/2003 BEFORE APPLYING FOR 2002/2003 BIG GAME TAGS.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

Northern California/North Coast Region
(530) 225-2003

Sacramento Valley/Central Sierra Region
(916) 351-0833

San Francisco Bay Area/Central Coast Region
(707) 944-5576

San Joaquin Valley/Southern Sierra Region
(559) 445-6454
Southern California
(562) 590-5185

HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All residents and nonresidents must present **ONE** of the following when applying for a California hunting license:

- A California hunting license* or DFG hunting license receipt issued to you for any prior year;
- A written declaration that you had a California hunting license* in any prior year, but that license is now lost or destroyed;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a California hunter education validation stamp;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or Canadian province;
- A current hunting license from any state, Canadian province, European country, or South Africa.

* Any resident, nonresident or junior license, or a two-day nonresident license from 1999/2000 or thereafter.

Hunter Education Classes: There are no age restrictions for hunter education but most instructors set a minimum age requirement of 10 years of age. Classes include at least 10 hours of instruction in a wide range of topics, such as hunting ethics, wildlife conservation and management, safe firearms handling, wildlife identification, and care of game. There is a minimal fee to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses. For information on upcoming classes, please contact your

nearest DFG office or visit our website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html.

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment at DFG regional offices for a fee of \$36.00. *(California equivalency certificates may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education in some states.)*

Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates: If you have lost your California hunter education certificate issued after 1989, contact your nearest DFG office. The fee for a duplicate certificate is \$4.00, plus \$3.15 for hunter education validation stamp.

ARCHERY TRAINING

The DFG recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Please contact your nearest DFG regional office for information on class availability.

TAGS ISSUED ON REQUEST

The following tags are issued immediately upon request until tag quotas fill. You may apply in person at any DFG office listed on page 2 or by mail at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch, P. O. Box 989035, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9035. If, on any given day, the number of applications received for any zone or hunt exceeds the number of available tags, the Department may conduct a drawing for that zone or hunt.

A, B, AND D ZONE DEER TAGS

These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow or bow (Sections 353-354, Title 14, CCR). Tags are valid for a specific zone *except*:

- a B zone tag is valid in all B zones;
- a D3-5 tag is valid in zones D3, D4 and D5;
- D11, D13 and D15 tags are valid in all of those zones.

C ZONE DEER TAGS: These tags are valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 during the general season **ONLY**. To hunt with archery equipment during the archery season in any of the C zones you must apply for an A1 tag.

ARCHERY-ONLY DEER TAGS: These tags allow hunting with archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in zones A, B, or D zone and Additional Hunt G10. (To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-specific Archery Hunt Tag.) You may not possess a rifle, pistol, revolver or crossbow when hunting with an Archery-only deer tag.

YOU MUST BUY A NONREFUNDABLE 2002/2003 CALIFORNIA HUNTING LICENSE BEFORE PURCHASING A 2002/2003 DEER TAG APPLICATION.

DEER TAG EXCHANGES: You may exchange an A, B, C, or D zone tag or an Archery-only tag if *all* of the following conditions are met:

- The earliest season for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;
- Tags are still available for the zone or hunt requested;
- Payment of a nonrefundable \$6.25 exchange tag processing fee.

In cases of DFG error, your tag will be exchanged free of charge. To exchange a tag issued in error, return it to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch immediately and include the postmarked envelope in which you received it. You may *not* exchange X zone, Additional Hunt or Area-specific Archery Hunt tags or exchange a second-deer tag for an X zone tag.

LOST OR DESTROYED DEER TAGS

To replace a lost or destroyed tag, you must file an affidavit with a DFG office and pay a nonrefundable duplicate tag fee of \$6.25.

REFUNDS FOR DEER TAG APPLICATIONS

If you check the refund box on your deer tag application and are unsuccessful in receiving any of your tag choices, you will automatically receive a refund of your application fee. If you did not check the refund box, you will be notified and asked to reapply for available tags or request a refund at that time. The deadline for requesting deer tag application refunds is January 31, 2003. Please allow 8-10 weeks for processing your refund. **IMPORTANT! License agent handling fees and application processing fees are nonrefundable. Once you request a refund of your one-deer or second-deer tag application fee, you may not buy another application of the same type during the 2002/2003 license year.**

DEER TAG QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact your nearest DFG office or the License and Revenue Branch in writing at 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, by phone at (916) 227-2245, or on the Internet at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

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at the Department of Fish and Game



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DEER TAG DRAWINGS

HOW THE DRAWINGS WORK

- ➊ After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been entered, the computer assigns each person (or party) a **unique random number**.
- ➋ Just prior to drawing, the computer **sorts all applications** according to first tag choice.
- ➌ The computer conducts **separate first-choice drawings** for each zone and hunt by awarding tags to applicants in random number order, starting with the lowest number, until each tag quota fills.
- ➍ After the first round of drawings, unsuccessful applications are sorted again by **second tag choice** and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining.
- ➎ If tags remain after the second round of drawings, unsuccessful applications are sorted once again by **third tag choice** and a third round of drawings is held.
- ➏ Applications not drawn in the third round are either **submitted for refund or returned** to the hunter with a list of available tags so that he or she may reapply.

DRAWING TIPS: In this type of drawing, your first tag choice carries the most weight because most tags go to first-choice applicants. You can improve your odds of being drawn by choosing a zone or hunt with a higher tag quota and fewer applicants (see 2001 deer tag drawing statistics on page 21). Your second and third choices carry less weight because the computer will only consider them after all first-choice drawings are completed and only if tags are still available. Using your third choice for a tag issued on request (A, B, C, or D Zone or Archery-only) can save time if you are not drawn for a premium tag and wish to reapply for an available tag. (For information on zones and hunts which did not fill in last year's drawing, see deer charts on pages 13-17.)

DRAWING RESULTS: The DFG will conduct the automated deer tag drawing by June 13, 2002. Deer tags or unsuccessful drawing notices will be mailed to drawing participants as soon as possible after the drawing. Beginning June 24, draw results will be available by phone during regular business hours from the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento at (916) 227-2177 and from most DFG offices. On that date hunters can also look up draw results on the Internet at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

Unsuccessful Applicants: After the drawings, notices will be mailed to unsuccessful drawing participants who did *not* check the refund box on their original applications. Applicants should receive notices by July 2, 2002. The notice includes a list of zones and hunts with available tags. ***Do not discard your drawing notice. It takes the place of your original deer tag application and must be used to reapply for available tags (either individually or as a party), or to request a refund of your deer tag application fee if you have not already done so.*** Unsuccessful drawing notices may not be picked up in person.

If you are unsuccessful and checked the refund box when you applied, you will be notified and your application will be automatically submitted for refund.

Successful Applicants: After unsuccessful notices are mailed, deer tags are sent to successful applicants in order of season openings. Successful applicants should receive their tags by July 11, 2002.

LEFTOVER DRAWING TAGS: Beginning July 2, 2002, any X zone, Additional Hunt and Area-specific Archery Hunt tags remaining after the drawing will be available on request, as long as tags are available, by mail and in person, only from the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento.* Persons with one-deer tag applications or unsuccessful drawing notices may apply for leftover tags at this time. Persons with second-deer tag applications may also apply for leftover Area-specific Archery Hunt tags at this time. Second-deer applications for unfilled Additional Hunts may be submitted to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento at any time for issuance beginning August 2. Second-deer tag applications may **NOT** be used to apply for leftover X zone tags.

** Leftover tags for the A22 hunt will also be available at the DFG's Los Alamitos and San Diego offices beginning July 2.*

CHECK YOUR APPLICATION CAREFULLY!

You may not make changes after submitting your application(s) to the Department of Fish and Game. An incomplete or incorrect application may prevent you from receiving a tag for the 2002 season. Remember to...

- ✓ Write in your 2002/2003 California hunting license number.
- ✓ Fill in all required information, including your permanent hunter ID number (driver's license or DMV identification number) and your date of birth. **IMPORTANT! Your hunter ID number will be used to track points in future drawings.**
- ✓ Write in the correct zone or hunt codes for your tag choices, exactly as shown on pages 13-17 of this booklet.
- ✓ Check all party members' applications — everyone must list the same tag choices in the same order of preference. (See "Party Applications" on page 12.)
- ✓ **Apply early for the premium deer tag drawings—your application must be received by the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. June 3, 2002.**

PREMIUM TAGS

These deer tags are issued by drawing for zones and hunts with lower tag quotas, including X zones, Additional Hunts and Area-specific Archery Hunts.

X ZONE TAGS: These tags allow hunting during the **general season only**, in a specific zone, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow or bow (Sections 353-354, Title 14, CCR).

ADDITIONAL HUNT TAGS: Additional deer hunts include antlerless, either-sex and buck hunting opportunities in a variety of locations throughout the state. They also include junior, military lands, and special equipment hunts.

Junior Deer Hunts: Applicants must be at least 12 years of age at the time of application and possess a 2002/2003 California junior hunting license. Juniors receiving tags must be accompanied by an adult chaperon, 18 years of age or older.

Military Land Hunts: Additional hunts G8, G9, G10 and J10 are held on military installations and offer limited numbers of tags for the public and military personnel. Public tags are issued through the DFG's deer tag drawing. Military personnel must submit deer tag applications directly to the Base. Additional hunts G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-sex Hunt) and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Antlerless Hunt) are for military personnel only.

Events of September 11, 2001 forced the cancellation of most hunts on military bases due to heightened security and military operations. In an effort to provide flexibility for scheduling these hunting seasons, the Department has provided a window between the scheduled season opening and December 31, in which the hunt can be conducted. Should the Base Commander choose to reschedule the hunt season, it must be with the concurrence of the Department and occur before December 31. In the event the commanding officer cancels a hunt, tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS: Tags for these hunts allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

**Applications for drawings must be received by
the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento
by 5:00 p.m., JUNE 3, 2002**

Please use the envelope in this booklet or mail to:

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME,
LICENSE AND REVENUE BRANCH,
P. O. BOX 989035,
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95798-9035 (or deliver in person to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento)

Any premium tags remaining after the drawings are issued by the DFG's License and Revenue Branch upon request, by mail or in person, until tag quotas fill. (Leftover tags for Area-specific Archery Hunt A22 are also available at the DFG's Los Alamitos and San Diego offices.)

See "How the Drawings Work," page 10.

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DEER TAG APPLICATION

To purchase 2002 deer tag applications at a hunting license agent or DFG office:

- You must be at least 12 years old at the time of application;
- You must possess a 2002/2003 California hunting license;
- You must not have been convicted of a deer hunting violation during the 2001/2002 license year.

You may not submit more than one (1) ONE-DEER TAG APPLICATION and one (1) SECOND-DEER TAG APPLICATION during the same license year.

ONE-DEER TAG APPLICATION: Use this application to apply for an A zone tag, B zone tag, C zone tag, any D zone or X zone tag, any Additional Hunt tag, any Area-specific Archery Hunt tag, or an Archery-Only #1 (AO#1) tag. **You must use a one-deer tag application to apply for an X zone, Additional Hunt or Area-specific Archery Hunt tag issued through the premium deer tag drawings (except junior hunters, see "Second-Deer Tag Application" below).**

SECOND-DEER TAG APPLICATION: After buying a one-deer tag application, you may also buy a second-deer tag application to apply for the following:

- **Tags Issued On Request:** A zone, B zone or Archery-Only #2 (AO#2) tag.
- **Tags Issued Beginning July 2:** Any Area-specific Archery Hunt tag remaining after the drawing.
- **Tags Issued Beginning August 2:** C zone, any D zone, or any Additional Hunt tags remaining after the drawing. (*Note: As of 5:00 p.m., August 2, if the DFG has received more second-deer tag applications than available tags for any zone or hunt, a drawing will be held. To be included in any drawing, submit your second-deer tag application in advance to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento. On August 2, second-deer tags for C or D zones will be issued at DFG offices upon request until quotas fill. Second tags for unfilled Additional Hunts are issued only at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch.*) **To receive a C zone, any D zone, or leftover Additional Hunt tag before August 2, you must use a one-deer tag application. (C zone and D12 zone tags historically fill before second deer tags can be issued.)**
- **Junior Deer Hunt Tags:** Junior hunters who use their one-deer tag application to apply for other tags issued by drawing or on request, may use their second-deer tag application to apply for junior deer hunts in the premium deer tag drawing. Junior hunters may only submit **ONE** application for junior deer hunts, either a one-deer **OR** a second-deer tag application.

For more information about the proposed changes to the Big Game Draw Method, see page 4.

FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION: Use the charts on pages 13-17 to select up to three zones and/or hunts. Print clearly the **ZONE/HUNT CODE** for each choice, in order of preference, on your deer tag application.

Archery Hunters: For Area-specific Archery Hunts, use the hunt code (such as A6), **not** the zone where the hunt is located.

EXAMPLE:

A 1	A 6	A O # 1
1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice

PARTY APPLICATIONS: You may apply alone or as a party for any tag. Up to six (6) persons may apply together by submitting their deer tag applications (or unsuccessful drawing notices) together, as specified below.

You must meet **ALL** of the following conditions to be considered a party:

- All party members **must make the same tag choices in the same order** on their applications;
- Each party member's application **must show the party leader's name and driver's license, DMV ID, or DFG ID number;**
- The party size **must not exceed the maximum of six persons;** and
- All party members' applications **must be stapled together** with the party leader's application on top, and **mailed in ONE envelope.** (Party members are awarded tags according to choices listed on the top application.)

You may not add or drop party members once your applications are submitted.

REFUNDS FOR UNUSED DEER TAGS

Refunds for unused A, B, C or D zone tags or Archery-only tags must be requested before the opening of the earliest season for which the tag is valid. Deer tags for X zones, Additional Hunts and Area-specific Archery Hunts are nonrefundable.



If you witness a poaching or polluting incident, immediately call CalTIP at 1-888-DFG-CalTIP.